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Governor came in here and said, do this or else. I want to see the "or else". Then I will impose my "or else". This bill is not even worth all of this, but it is somewhat in the nature of a jobs bill, remember, because it's going to give a job, a \$200,000 job, to at least one organization. I don't know if the organization has to be composed of more than one individual, but from the way this bill is drafted if you bring together this entrepreneur and the high roller, there is nothing that says the...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...entity that's being created has to be more than a one-person outfit.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Landis, on the bracket motion.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. I'm going to resist the bracket motion. Senator Chambers is simply, well, not accurate. First, I've already accepted amendments so that's a bogus argument and it's not true. I've also indicated amendments I would say yes to; again, a total misstatement and false. Secondly, with respect to whether or not the 22 votes was a wise thing to do or not, I wasn't off the floor. I heard. Senator Chambers has said he's going to do his "darnedest". I've taken him at his word. We were always going to...having said that, apparently we were always going to have to get to 33 votes. Senator Chambers never said he'd take anything off the ball with the adoption of the amendment and, in fact, we are exactly where we've always been. So whatever sense of trying to come up with something collegial, Senator Chambers has given himself "king's X". He's not part of the deal. He hasn't offered anything and he says, oh my gosh, Dave didn't take Curt's offer. Well, Curt wasn't able to speak for Ernie and there was nothing there. Senator Chambers has mischaracterized and stated things that are absolutely false and, secondly, he mischaracterizes the notion of an offer. Now, if I was in a position to accept an offer from Senator Chambers, I would consider it, but he's quite already told us he isn't going to do that. Now, either he is going to make me an offer,